

April Report of the Missionary Board of the  
Brethren Church

## GENERAL FUND

J. S. C. Spickerman, Maryville, Mo.	\$ 50
Brethren church, Mulvane, Kan.	1 65
A friend, Philadelphia	50
Brethren church, Falls City, Neb., Easter offering	16 00
Brethren Sunday school, Falls City, Neb.	4 18
Ellen G. Lichty, "	Interest 5 00
N. C. Nielsen, Herrington, Kan.	" 1 00
N. C. Nielsen, "	3 00
Easter offering, Warsaw, Ind.	3 00
" " Meyersdale, Pa.	14 63
National S. S. C. E.	10 00
Eld. A. J. Hixson, McLouth, Kan.	1 00
Easter offering, McLouth, Kan.	4 37
" " Sunday school, McLouth, Kan.	63
Brethren church, South Haven, Kan.	2 00
A sister, Columbus, O.	35
Wm. Kolb, Philadelphia, Pa.	5 00
A sister, United States	5 00
Two sisters, Indiana per I. D. Bowman	1 50
Chicago Mission	5 00
Enon church, Iowa	13 18
Mrs. W. Schrock, Waterloo, Iowa	1 00
Brethren church, Oakville, Ind.	3 30

## CHICAGO FUND

Cora Snyder, Waterloo, Iowa	\$ 5 00
Clate Flickinger " "	5 00
A member, Enon church "	1 38
King's Children, Enon church, Iowa	2 30
Samuel Lichty, Waterloo, Iowa	1 00
Easter offering, Waterloo church	2 61
Mrs. S. Summers, Louisville, O.	5 00
Walter Clark, Casopolis, Mich.	5 00
N. C. Nielsen, Herrington, Kan.	1 00
Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Chicago, Ill.	5 00
Mrs. Minnie Miller, Brooklyn, Iowa	2 00
Brethren church, Lanark, Ill.	25 36
Easter offering, Chicago Mission	8 93
Monthly offerings, " "	3 00

## WASHINGTON FUND

Herman Mitchell, Ridgely, Md.	\$5 00
Anna Grubb, Ashland, Oregon	1 00
A sister, Meadow Mills, Va.	2 00
Brethren church, Conemaugh, Pa.	5 00
Brethren Sunday school " "	5 00
G. W. Hedrick, Dayton, Va.	5 00
A. B., Altoona, Pa.	1 00
Brethren church, Hagerstown, Md.	2 50
Brethren church, Washington, D. C.	45 05

Chicago fund  
General fundTotal per month  
Amount previously reported

Receipts to May 1

## PAYMENTS

Cash to I. D. Bowman, time	\$34 20
" " " railroad fare	12 00
Cash sent direct to J. O. Talley	55 29
" " " W. M. Leyon	65 54

Expenditures previously reported

N. B. The expenses of the Board thus far this year have been \$1718 70 and the receipts \$1618 78 just one hundred dollars less than the expenses.

J. C. CASSEL,  
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

## Chicago Mission

I believe I am one who has not said anything about the Twentieth Century, either along the line of intellectual or religious achievement, or portentous of disaster. That the magnitude of the very stirring events thru-out the world the past few years and with which the new century is ushered in afford signs that are ominous and incline the meditative mind to become somewhat prophetic, is apparent. The ancient greatness of China, that old landmark among the nations of the world, bids fair to be swallowed up with a modern *greater-ness*, or ruthlessly pulverized and sifted into an exchangeable commodity among the other nations of the world. Then the great movements in financial circles; consolidations of industrial interests, railroads, and steamship companies, point out wonderful results too great, in fact to foresee, or in any degree compass the end thereof. Then in our cities conditions are developing that amaze us, and make us wonder what, indeed, the future holds for us. Yesterday on the stock exchange in Chicago and New York millions of dollars changed hands in a few moments, and many rich men were bankrupted in a few hours' time. The fight among financial giants for controlling interests in several great systems of railroads, is the exciting topic, and inspiration to both rich and poor to gamble on the uncertainties of present condition.

I have recently given some time to looking into the moral conditions of our city, and must say, that matters that should, for the good of the country, be known to all men, and rebuked by all, are so atrocious as to beggar description. The extraordinary gambling spirit of the day seems to excite and intensify all manner of vice and immorality, and to successfully handicap nearly all attempts of religious and spiritual work. Just now two factions of the Holiness (?) movements are waging warfare in the city, but alas, they are warring against each other more than against sin, and some ridiculous things are being said and done among them. All this brings reproach on that great doctrine of the New Testament, i. e., sanctification, and it is sad to think that that deepest and most sublime of all the teachings of our Savior and his apostles must be dragged to the earth, and in the mud by a class of preachers whose mental acumen, and expository ability least fits them to deal with what seems to be pre-eminently one of the deepest and most profound subjects illuminated by the Gospel light.

Thus in our cities are to be found all sorts of unsound doctrine, and in Chicago every form of religion, even to the most pronounced types of oriental paganism. Brethren pray God earnestly for an awakening, and that He send forth many preachers of the word, who are sound and conscientious interpreters of His gospel. Billions of dollars are being spent every month thru-out the world in war, and much illicit traffic, but

the Lord's missionary work must often go begging for money to barely keep the doors open. But there is no use pining or whining or showing the white feather, and it is unpardonable folly for God's preachers to show themselves less than men. "Show thyself a man," was David's injunction to his son Solomon, and I may say that God can use no other of beings to build temples and found kingdoms with. Give us men. Men who dare to preach the whole truth, for which the Brethren church stands.

When worldly enterprises need money with which to carry on business, or war, the managers and workers simply say so, in a business way, and the people in a business and matter of fact manner pay over the sum needed. It is not that we your missionaries think our brethren who do help, perhaps all they can afford to, should pay more, no, no, brother, we are praying God daily that those who have done but little for missions, may be stirred to the depths of their souls, and thus increase the number of helpers. It is more helpers we need in the ranks: i. e., the burdens of church work more equally distributed. We positively can offer no reasonable excuse to either God or man, for not supporting missions, and all auxiliaries of the church we love to spread her doctrines. My brother in Christ, whom I love in truth, if you have never weighed your responsibility for missionary work, may I beseech you to go down on your knees before God, in the light of his word, and ask him for grace to see, and do, "the all things" he has commanded us.

A man with whom I am well acquainted, told me this week, that he (on last Monday) lost four thousand nine hundred dollars, in just twenty nine minutes, on the stock exchange. That money went to damn souls, and not to save. That man is worth about twenty thousand dollars to my knowledge, and he staked nearly one fourth of it in the vain attempt to get more. Already his hair is as white as the snow that will lay like a mantle over his tomb in the near future, and some winter day, the passerby may say, there in that cold tomb lay the cold remains of a cold, worldly being, whose cold life was a social chill on a summer day. "Why cumbered he the ground?"

At our Sunday night meeting a young man rose for prayers, which made our hearts rejoice, for it is the young men and young women of this city that our hearts yearn for, so great are the temptations, and so many the pitfalls that lie in their way. Pray for our work here brethren, daily.

The Sunday school maintains a growing interest, even in these days of house cleaning and moving and other disturbing elements. For the last two weeks our city has been to a considerable extent on wheels, so to speak, for the large moving vans were all very busy transporting the earthly effects of many thousands of families from one domicile to another; it is spring moving time among the tenants. We are glad that among